

BROOKLYN.

SWINDLED THE POOR.

Using a Defunct Sick Benefit Association to Defraud.

One of the Victims a Woman Over in Brooklyn.

The Crooked Agent Arrested and Held to Answer.

Frederick W. Crook, of 481 Eleventh street, Brooklyn, who, the police claim, has been working a successful game of swindling poor people, was brought up with a sharp turn before Justice Tighe in the Butler Street Police Court this morning.

He was held in \$500 bail for examination on Dec. 27.

Crook claims to be President of the Medical Service Association.

The directors of the Association hold that the Association went out of existence in May. Since that time, it is alleged, Crook has kept up systematic collection of dues from members of the Association.

Mrs. Lottie Robinson, of 192 Wyckoff street, makes the formal charge against Crook. She says she has been paying dues in the Association for her cousin, Charles Smith, on Sept. 11 last, she made the last payment to Crook. The next payment was due on Dec. 1.

Since that date Smith was taken sick. Mrs. Robinson went to Dr. Mandeville, Fourth avenue, one of the Association's members. Crook, she said, told Mrs. Robinson the Association was defunct, and he was not authorized to treat patients in the name of the Association.

Mrs. Robinson went to the Butter Street Police Station, and Detective John O'Rourke, and Detective John C. Crook called several times at Mrs. Robinson's for the money. She evaded him.

At O'Rourke's request, she made an arrangement with Crook to pay him yesterday afternoon, when Crook called Detective O'Rourke was present.

O'Rourke posed as the foreman of the shop of Mr. Smith, and tried to induce O'Rourke to become a member of the Association. He was told it was still in operation and a good investment.

Mr. Arthur J. Newson, of 66 Pacific street, a former director of the Association, in an affidavit, says the Association went out of existence about a year ago.

Crook was notified to stop collections at that time. Directors William Lynch, Dr. K. A. Evans, Charles B. Smith, Dr. J. H. McDaniel, Mr. George H. Bridge street, and William J. Cunningham, of 482 Pacific street, were in court this morning to swear to the same thing.

The Association was incorporated in 1882 and did business at 44 Court street. It was a sick benefit society.

Crook pleaded not guilty. He admitted collecting the money from Mrs. Robinson, but said if she had asked him to pay the sick benefit he would have done so.

The offices at 44 Court street were given up shortly after the dissolution. Crook left the office overgrown.

The poor and hundreds of people have been swindled by Crook through his unlawful collections.

Woolsey's "L" Victim Identified.

The man who was crushed "L" on the Ninth Avenue Elated Railroad, at Great street, Little Ferry, Brooklyn, shortly before midnight, was this morning identified as Edward Walsh, thirty years old, a driver for the United States Express Company, living at 2245 Eastern Avenue, Brooklyn. He was in charge of the train which killed Walsh, and Henry Nichols the brakeman, are held to await the trial. The Coroner's inquest is not known how Walsh met his death.

Poems on Her Psyche Knot.

Mrs. Lillian Patten, an Isip of N teacher, has demanded of the Board of Education that Harvey Duxee, a pupil as old as herself, who lately wrote and drew on the other side of the paper, commenting on Miss Patten's "Psyche knot," be expelled from school.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

The newly elected Secretary of Machinists' International Union No. 179 is William R. Stevens.

The Carpet-Makers' Union of Newark, N. J., has voted to join the Newark Central Labor Federation.

Only one of the members of Progressive Manufacturers' Union No. 1 is at present out of employment.

John D. Miller has been elected office manager of Branch 3 of the Independent Bakers' Union, and August Detler was elected delegate to the Central Labor Federation.

An American Friends' Society has offered to place a library in the hall of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union, at 21 South street, and August Detler is president.

Cigar Makers' Union No. 231 elected Michael Hines, President; H. Breitbauer, Vice-President; J. Schrock, Secretary; Samson Hall, Financial Secretary, all of Newark.

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